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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ITANAGAR

DE-NOTIFICATION

The 6th May, 2025

No. LMD-13011/9/2023/272.—**WHEREAS**, the preliminary Notification under Section 11(1) read with Section 40 (1) of the LARR Act, 2013 was issued vide No. LMD-13011/9/2023/1565 dated 19th December, 2023 for acquisition of the land measuring 1200 acres for establishment of Field Ammunition Depot (FAD) by Indian Army at Rakap Village under Sangdupota Circle, Papum Pare District.

And whereas, as per sub-section (7) of Section 19 of the Act, where no declaration is made under sub-section (1) of Section 19 within twelve months from the date of Preliminary notification Under Section 11, then such notification shall be deemed to have been rescinded. The second proviso to sub-section (7) of Section 19 provides that the appropriate Government shall have the power to extend the period of twelve months, if in its opinion circumstances exists justifying the same.

And Whereas, the Deputy Commissioner, Papum Pare District, Yupia vide letter No.DLRSO/PP/GOVT-114/23/465 dated 11th February, 2025 had requested with reasons to extend the period whereby the Deputy Commissioner stated that due to simultaneous Assembly and Parliamentary Elections with delayed public hearings, the ground survey and plot-to-plot survey could not be completed due to the vastness of the area and numerous disputes during the survey period.

AND WHEREAS, vide order No. LMD- 13011/9/2023 dated 26th February, 2025 and in exercise of the power conferred by second proviso to sub-section (7) of Section 19 of the Right to Fair Compensation in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013), and also on the basis of the letter received from CCF. Banderdewa vide letter No. WAC/02/Cons/2004/Pt-II/465-66 dated 31st January, 2025 affirming the proposed land as not falling under recorded forest area, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh extended the period of Preliminary Notification Under Section 11 till 19th December, 2025.

WHEREAS, with regard to the classification of the land, multiple contradictory letters/NOCs were received from the DFO Banderdewa vis-a-vis the proposed acquisition area as Reserve Forest area throughout the period from the year 2018 to 2024.

AND WHEREAS, vide letter No. AC/ACQ/1200/RAKAP/LC-7/Vol-II/23 dated 7th March, 2024 the Principal Director, Defence Estates, Eastern Command had also raised the contradictory NOCs issued by DFO, Banderdewa and had requested to examine the ground facts and to provide a reasoned stand of the State Government and PCCF on the ownership of land.

WHEREAS, Secretary (LM) had referred the matter to PCCF for final confirmation on the status of the proposed land.

AND WHEREAS, PCCF had clarified that the proposed area for acquisition falls within the Drupong Reserve Forest and therefore any NOC issued in this regard by any other authority has no legal validity at all. Therefore, the User Agency may be clearly advised to apply online on the Parivesh 2.0 portal of MoEF&CC for seeking approval under Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 for carrying out any non-forest activity.

AND WHEREAS, Section 93(1) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 states that “the appropriate Government shall be at liberty to withdraw from the acquisition of any land of which possession has not been taken”.

NOW THEREFORE, in light of the clarification from PCCF regarding the proposed land being under the Drupong Reserve Forest, the Notification vide order No. LMD-13011/9/2023 dated 26th February, 2025 stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

A.K. Singh, IAS
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